HB 206   **2025 Regular Session**   **Melerine**

ELECTIONS: Requires legislative authorization to give effect to certain actions regarding election procedures inconsistent with the Election Code

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DIGEST

Present constitution (Const. Art. XI, §1) provides that the legislature shall adopt an election code which shall provide for permanent registration of voters and for the conduct of all elections.

Proposed law provides that no state, parish, or local election official or the state board of election supervisors or a parish board of election supervisors shall enter into a consent decree or other legal agreement that prescribes election procedures that conflict with procedures prescribed by present law (Election Code) except as otherwise provided by present law or as authorized by adoption of a concurrent resolution or interim mail ballot approved by a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed law provides that if a consent decree is required when the legislature is not in session, then the clerk and the secretary shall follow the procedures set forth by law to obtain a vote on the consent decree in question. Provides that if the legislature is not in session on the transmittal date, ballots are to be returned to the chief clerical officers of the legislature not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth day after the transmittal date.

(Adds R.S. 18:5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

> Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill

> 1.   Technical amendment to correct citations.

> 2.   Adds provisions for approval procedures when consent decree occurs when the legislature is in session and when the legislature is not in session.